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[X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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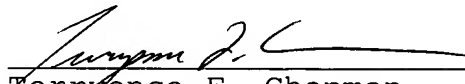
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In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006,
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